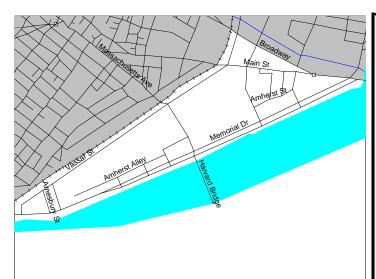
NEIGHBORHOOD 2

M.I.T. AREA





BOUNDARIES: bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Charles River

POPULATION: 5,486 residents

794 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

\$26,397

Neighborhood #2 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 and Car 3 (2 officer cars). M.I.T. has its own police force that patrols this area.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, JAN-JUNE 00 - 04	COMPARISON OF TA	ARGET CRIME STATISTIC	S. IAN-IUNE 00 - 04
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CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	2	0	0	1	1
Street Robbery	1	1	0	0	1
Auto Theft	14	7	3	3	8
Larceny from MVs	11	11	6	9	5
Malicious	9	4	3	10	5
Destruction					
Drug Incidents	3	2	1	0	0

2004 FIRST HALF IN REVIEW

With only twenty target crimes reported over the fist six months of 2003, the MIT neighborhood remains one of the quieter areas in the City for criminal activity. The lone street robbery in 2004 occurred in January at the ATM on the intersection of Mass Ave and Vassar Street. The male victim was robbed of his wallet at gunpoint. The wallet was recovered when the suspect was involved in a car accident in Boston. The solitary housebreak was in early March. The suspect, who had been previously arrested on MIT property, stole a backpack from a dormitory on Amherst Street, and was subsequently arrested. The five reports of malicious destruction were scattered throughout the year with smashed vehicle windows on Vassar, Memorial and Mass Ave the preponderant crime type. Six of the eight auto thefts recorded in 2004 in this neighborhood this year have been on Vassar Street. Toyotas and Hondas have been the hot target vehicles. Larceny from motor vehicles have been sporadic with no geographic concentration identified with weekend nights the best time frame. There were no drug incidents recorded in the MIT neighborhood over the first two quarters of 2004.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES							
Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1991-2002	Rank '91-'02*	Rank 2003*		
Housebreaks	19	11	3	13	13		
Street Robbery	11	10	5	11	9		
Auto Theft	102	7	48	6	11		
Larceny from MVs	56	10	45	10	11		
Malicious Destruction	47	10	25	12	12		

^{*}Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is the dominant venue in the MIT Neighborhood given that M.I.T. property envelops most of the neighborhood. Its large student population—many of whom are foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students unsuspecting prey.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the Uniform Crime Reporting system. Statistics contained in this profile – and in the rest of the report – do not include crimes on M.I.T. property except for arrests and incidents in which Cambridge Police Officers participated.

- The large number of automobiles parked each day on Vassar Street, Ames Street, Amherst Street, and at the Hyatt Regency Hotel have traditionally accounted for high numbers of auto theft and larcenies from motor vehicles.
- Street robbery patterns have sometimes emerged at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street, and outside the Fleet ATM on Main Street. These are often predatory, targeting college students that are walking in the areas late at night. Over the course of 20 years, however, M.I.T. has maintained a street robbery level well below the other neighborhoods.
- Bicycles parked at racks on sidewalks all around M.I.T. have been targeted by thieves in large numbers. M.I.T. and Cambridge Police make several arrests per year for larcenies of bicycles.

